

I. Listing of Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An air-bag arrangement comprising an air-bag, and a gas generator to generate a gas to inflate the air-bag, the gas generator being connected to a support so as to be moveable between a closed position in which part of the gas generator extends across an aperture communicating with the interior of the air bag to close the aperture, and an open position in which the aperture is opened to reduce the pressure of the gas within the air-bag, the gas generator initially being retained in the closed position by a retainer, the retainer being actuable, in response to a signal, to enable move the gas generator to ~~move~~ to the open position.

2. (Original) An air-bag arrangement according to Claim 1 wherein the retainer is actuated by a pyrotechnic charge.

3. (Withdrawn) An air-bag arrangement according to Claim 12 wherein the retainer includes at least one catch which initially extends over part of a flange carried by the gas generator, the retainer also including an arrangement to move the catch to a position in which it does not extend over the flange of the gas generator.

4. (Withdrawn) An arrangement according to Claim 3, wherein one or more of the catches comprises an elongate element pivotally mounted at one end adjacent part of the flange, one or more of the catches overlying the flange and being arranged so that actuation of a piston-and-cylinder arrangement will cause the catch to move to a position in which it no longer overlies the flange.

5. (Withdrawn) An arrangement according to Claim 3, wherein two of the catches are provided.

6. (Withdrawn) An arrangement according to Claim 3, wherein one or more of the catches is provided with a substantially centrally located pivot, a first part of the catch to one side of the pivot engaging with the flange and a second part of the catch being located adjacent a piston-and-cylinder device, such that movement of a piston of the piston and cylinder device will cause rotation of the catch to a position in which the first part of the catch no longer engages the flange.

7. (Withdrawn) An air-bag arrangement according to Claim 1 wherein the retainer comprises an exploding bolt.

8. (Withdrawn) An arrangement according to Claim 1 wherein the retainer comprises a piston-and-cylinder unit arranged to engage and move

part of a flange carried by the gas generator so as to move the gas generator to the open position.

9. (Previously Presented) An arrangement according to Claim 1 wherein the retainer comprises an expandable element which engages part of a flange carried by the gas generator, the expandable element, on expansion thereof, serving to move the gas generator to the open position.

10. (Previously Presented) An arrangement according to Claim 9, wherein the expandable element is plastically deformable.

11. (Previously Presented) An arrangement according to Claim 10, wherein the expandable element comprises a bellows arrangement provided with a pyrotechnic device.

12. (Previously Presented) An air-bag arrangement according to Claim 1 wherein the gas generator moves between the open and closed position through movement about a hinge.

13. (Previously Presented) An arrangement according to Claim 1 wherein the gas generator is urged to move to the open position by the pressure of the gas from the gas generator inflating the air-bag.

14. (Previously Presented) An arrangement according to Claim 1 wherein the gas generator is urged to move to the open position by the retainer.